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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

[20] The roof module 12 has an exterior skin 22, which may be a deep-drawn plastic film having a foam backing 24 on its lower side. The foam backing 24 is preferably made of polyurethane foam or a similar material. A seal 26 may be disposed on the exterior edge of the roof module 12, the seal 26 being designed to assure a tightly sealed connection of the roof module 12 to the roof frame 10. The foam backing 24 in the area of the edge 20 has a groove-like recess 30 in which an adhesive bead 32 is disposed. The adhesive bead 32 may continuously surround the entire edge 20 and secure the roof module 12 to the edge 20. In addition, screws or other fasteners 60 may also secure the roof module 12 to the edge 20.

[21] As shown in Figure 2, the roof module 12 does not engage the roof frame 10 from underneath the roof frame 10 at any location, allowing the roof module 12 to simply be placed down onto the edge 20 from above.

[22] Directly bordering the edge 20, the foam backing 24 has a bead 40 that protrudes downward such that the bead 40 lies lower than the edge 20. In the area of the bead 40, a hollow section having, for example, a C-shape or double-T shape 78 that is open to the edge 20 is completely embedded in the foam backing 24. The hollow section constitutes a safety element 50 that, in the event of a collision joins the roof frame to the roof module. A lower leg 52 of the safety element 50 (i.e., one portion of the safety element 50) extends along a plane that is below than the edge 20 and another portion, such as the upper leg 54, of the safety element 50 extends along a plane that is above the edge 20. As can be seen in Figure 2, the safety element 50 does not directly border the edge 20 and instead is designed to catch the edge 20 if deformation of the roof frame 10 and/or the roof module 12 occurs. The safety element 50 forms a surrounding reinforcement profile of the roof module 12.

[25] If an upwardly-directed force K is exerted on the adhesive bead 32, bringing the adhesive bead 32 to the limits of its load bearing capability, the roof module 12 will not separate from the edge 20, because the safety element 50 additionally secures the roof module 12 in both the upward and downward directions. In addition, a counterforce FG that counteracts the force F is exerted by the safety element 50 of the roof module 12.The counterforce increases the stability of the entire roof.